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It is respectfully submitted that the Microsoft litigation at bar represents a politically motivated abuse of the American judicial system. The conclusions and findings of the Court appear to be an overly simplistic, almost academic, approach that bears little relevancy to the real world of average consumers such as myself.

It is at best absurd that absolutely no consideration appears to have been given to the fact that the explosion of the internet is almost exclusively the result of Microsoft's bundling which effectively gave consumers "all" they needed to permit them to wander through the internet. I'd call it one stop shopping-a convenience-not a punishment.

It is equally absurd that no consideration has been given the issue of whether any of the "competitors" who were "excluded" actually offered products that were truly innovative and competitive with Microsoft's products.

Finally, the penultimate absurdity of the litigation is the lack of any proof that consumers would have benefited financially or otherwise had circumstances been as the Court believed they should have been.

If Microsoft is willing to accept the proposed settlement, it should be approved. The Court and the State Attorneys should not do any further harm.

Respectfully yours,
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